

GMEU updated response on further bat surveys

Bats

Emergence surveys have been provided. No evidence of bats roosting was recorded. Whilst one survey was outside the optimal survey season but arguably acceptable and the other very late in the season, this is additional evidence that points to the buildings not being utilised as a bat roost. Given the long history of failure to find bats, without quite meeting best practice, I am satisfied that overall the risk appears very low. Precautionary conditions should however be applied to any permission. I recommend a condition along the following lines.

If demolition has not occurred prior to April 2026 further dusk emergence bat survey will be carried out between May and July in any year and the findings provided to and agreed in writing by the LPA.